

**Notes from a meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life held on Friday, October 20, 1995 at 10 a.m. in Room AD 131, Loyola Campus.**

Were Present: Mr. B. Counihan (Chair); Mr. H. Zarins; Dr. S.M. Graub; Ms. A. Kerby; Ms. A. Siano; Mr. R. Côté; Ms. D. Cooper; Ms. C. Sbrocchi; Mr. A. Feldman; Ms. A. Coombs; Ms. E. Robinson; Mr. D. Ellison; Mr. S. Zacharias; Mr. N. Bidoun; Ms. L. Lipscombe; Mr. C. Macdonald; Ms. A. Vroom; Ms. D. Gleason

Were Absent: Ms. C. Fortier; Dr. G. Alfred; Dr. M. Barlow; Dr. R. Bonin; Ms. K. Hedrich; Ms. L. Prendergast

1. Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus.
2. Remarks from the Chair: The Vice Chair welcomed members to the first meeting of a new season. Members introduced themselves. Dean Counihan continues with an update on the Student Services Review Process noting that two external examiners had visited Concordia's Student Services during the last month and would be submitting reports to the Review Team. Additionally members of the Review Team are preparing chapters of the Final Report which is expected in December. The Student Services Operating Budget, (final summary) Fiscal 94/95 was reviewed.
3. Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of 19 May, 1995. The minutes were approved without change.
4. Business Arising from the Minutes:

The question from the May meeting of the availability of temporary ID's in easily accessible places was raised. Dean Counihan will ask Dr. Boisvert how this was resolved.

5. CCSL Committee Structure:

Ms. Kerby described the past year's experience with the Planning and Resources Committee. Difficulty of arranging meetings with student representatives was emphasized. After useful discussion members agreed to retain the Planning and Resources Committee especially since this year will see a Student Services budget presented for Council's approval. Constituencies will notify the chair of their representatives for the next meeting.

6. Student Life Issues:

The Concordia Student Union representatives presented five topics for discussion.

1) Food Services: The Marriott contact at the Campus Centre. What will be the process of reviewing this and who will be involved? Will there be any student input into the decision? Kosher Food is not available at the Loyola Campus it seems. Since the Director of Supply and Services, Cyril Macdonald, is a permanent observer at CCSL he will be asked to look into these matters.

2) Access to Services and Facilities: Ms. Kerby explained the university's proposal to the government for funds (some of which have been granted) to upgrade Concordia's buildings and grounds to accommodate better students with disabilities. She also elaborated on the space used for examinations for disabled students noting that more and better suited space is required.

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Non Concordia students seem to be using our computing services and the libraries. Some pro's and con's of requiring ID's for these facilities were discussed. The problem will be presented to the Director of Libraries and the Director of Computing Services for consideration.

3) Shuttle Bus Shelter (Loyola): The grave discomfort during winter that students are exposed to because there is no shelter at Loyola. We will request a report from Dr. Bertrand and Dr. Barlow on the status of the previous study of the Shuttle Bus Shelter.

4) Mechanical Problems: Escalator problems (e.g. servicing during peak hours that pose a danger to students were pointed out. Dr. Barlow needs to be advised of this situation before injury occurs. A maintenance schedule outside of peak hours was suggested.

5) Clocks: The need for accurate time on Concordia's clocks was strongly emphasized. Further, it was noted the attention required to correct these problems is centered in Dr. Barlow's office. We hope that he or his representative will be able to attend future meetings.

Lina Lipscombe reported on the Forum she arranged with representatives of the Canadian Publishers Council. Attendance was disappointing. Work on less expensive photocopy editions of textbooks is carrying on. Lina and Roger Côté will work on a programme to allow students awaiting government assistance to purchase books.

#### 7. Reports from the Directors:

Ms. Kerby gave a detailed, interesting report on the numerous activities and programmes of the various units of Advocacy and Support Services.

- she noted a need for more and better space for Services for Disabled Students
- she announced the retirement from Campus Ministry of a senior chaplain, Fr. Bob Nagy
- two hundred and fifty new international students joined us this year
- Women's Centre will emphasize fun activities this year as well as provide much needed support for women students
- 24 hours per week of appointments are available for students with Legal Information Services. This is the maximum capacity with the present resources.
- Native Education Centre joined Advocacy this year. Manon Tremblay is the coordinator. About 75 native students are active with the Centre.

#### Task Force on Gay and Lesbian Life

Dr. Lightstone has agreed to establish a committee to look into curriculum issues. A minor or a graduate diploma in Sexuality of Gender Student will be considered as possibilities. Discussion with Athletics and Residence have been very positive.

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Task Force on Child Care Issues

Negotiations with the Garderie about drop in care are ongoing. Congratulations to CSU for its looney drive.

Roger Côté will be asked to present at the November meeting.

8. New Business

a) Setting The Course For Our Future

Should CCSL comment/respond? Stephen Zacharias, Al Feldman, Erin Robinson and Ann Kerby will produce a draft for Council.

b) Ms. Vroom announced the Alumni Recognition Awards Programme and urged members to nominate worthy students and faculty members.

9. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held November 17, 1995, H 769, SGW Campus